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Dear Mat:

During the last few weeks, I have had the opportunity of going over the report on the Central Intelligence Agency, of which you were one of the authors. After doing so, I would certainly be remiss if I did not congratulate you on the quality of the report, and express my own personal thanks for the time, energy and thought which you gave to this project.

While I would hesitate to express any opinion on all of the report's many recommendations before these are considered by the National Security Council, I am certain that the document will be looked to both as an example of how a report should be prepared, and as a guide book in the field of intelligence for a long time to come. I can fully appreciate the work which its preparation must have entailed, and I am grateful that among all your other many obligations, you were willing to make the sacrifices that this work inevitably demanded.

Sincerely,

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